

Beartooth Oil & Gas Company

UTU-53849

Proposed Action:

Beartooth Oil & Gas Company (BOGC) proposes to construct approximately 4800 feet of 2 inch steel natural gas pipeline. The new pipeline is proposed as an amendment to BOGC's right-of-way UTU-53849. The proposed pipeline would flow gas from the BOGC Federal #8-5 gas well to the BOGC North Bar X #4 well pad where it would tie in to the BOGC North Bar X pipeline system. The proposed line would begin at the Federal #8-5 well pad in SWNW, Sec. 8, T17S, R26E and run north-northwest across a large sagebrush flat to the tie-in point on the North Bar X #4 well pad in the NWSE, Sec. 6, T17S, R26E. The line would be buried as it leaves the #8-5 well pad and then run as a surface line across the flat to a short buried section at the NBX #4 tie-in point. The line would have three buried segments, two sections at the crossings of branches of Bar X Wash and one buried road crossing. The first wash crossing is in the NWNW, Sec. 8, T17S, R26E. The second wash crossing is in the NENE, Sec. 7, T17S, R26E. The road crossing is in the SESE, Sec. 6, T17S, R26E.

The new line is being proposed because of a recent reconfiguration of the Summit Midstream- Red Rock gathering system. Summit converted the pipeline that the #8-5 flowed into from a pipeline quality line to a high inerts gas line and BOGC's #8-5 well can no longer use that pipeline. In order to continue production from the Federal #8-5, it must be moved to a different gathering system. The nearest pipeline to the #8-5 well is BOGC's North Bar X system. With the #8-5 flowing to the NBX system, the well should produce 60-70 mcf/d.

Construction of the proposed pipeline would be completed by utilizing BOGC's #8-5 and NBX #4 well pads as work areas. The pipe would be welded together on the well pads and pulled cross-country using a rubber tired tractor. As the pipeline is pulled cross-country new segments would be welded at the respective pad locations to extend the pipe. The pipeline would be pulled from each pad to the proposed road crossing. Buried sections of pipe would be coated and wrapped in the field.

Reclamation of the project would include re-contouring and reseeding disturbed areas around the buried sections. The disturbed areas would be monitored for seeding success and the presence of noxious weeds. Any noxious weeds would be controlled by mechanical means or by the use of approved herbicides.